

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COOPER
Township Board Meeting
December 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Cooper Charter Township Board was held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at the Cooper Charter Township Hall, 1590 West D. Avenue, Kalamazoo MI.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor, Jeff Sorensen
Clerk, DeAnna Janssen
Treasurer, Carol DeHaan
Trustee, Brenda Buiskool
Trustee, Bob Schiedel
Trustee, Fred Vlietstra
Trustee, Jim Frederick

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

Also present were Township Fire Chief Terry Emig and approximately 4 interested people.

Supervisor Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items on the consent agenda were:

- a. Minutes of November 15, 2016 Meeting
- b. Receipts and Disbursements Report

The board and citizens were asked if they wanted to have any items removed from the consent agenda. There were none.

Motion by Schiedel, supported by Vlietstra to approve the consent agenda. Motion Carried.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Buiskool, to approve agenda. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: none

NEW WEBSITE QUOTE:

Motion by DeHaan, supported by Schiedel, to approve Kelly White quote for new website. Motion Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

The Fire Department Reports were read and discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding interest in a Knox Box Ordinance. A Knox Box is a secure system that is attached to a business's gate or the outer door of their structure so that the fire department can access the building in the event of an emergency. Resident Marc Rowson commented that he was concerned about the security of the Knox Box program and wondered about the need of this system in Cooper Township.

STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Motion by Vlietstra, supported by Frederick to adopt Resolution 16-88 to adopt Ordinance No. 243, an Ordinance to Amend State Construction Code Ordinance No. 221.

Yes: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Schiedel, Buiskool, Sorensen

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT – GLAS:

Motion by Buiskool, supported by Vlietstra, to adopt Resolution 16-89 to adopt Ordinance No. 242, an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning District Map of the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Yes: Vlietstra, Frederick, Janssen, DeHaan, Schiedel, Buiskool, Sorensen

No: none

Absent: none

Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATION:

Discussion ensued regarding possible office renovation letter from Wightman & Associates. Board expressed interest in setting up a meeting after the first of the year for the board to meet with Wightman & Associates for a more in depth discussion of our options.

Motion made by Vlietstra, supported by Schiedel, to secure a date and time to hold a special meeting. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk

Attested by: Jeff R. Sorensen, Supervisor

I, the undersigned DeAnna Janssen, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Charter Township of Cooper, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on the 12th day of December 2016.

DeAnna Janssen, Clerk
Cooper Charter Township